As regards category (iii), 1487 applications were received in time, out of which 661 applications have been rejected, while pension has so far been sanctioned in 42 cases. A Non-officials Committee has been set up to scrutinise cases pertaining to the Arya Samaj Movement.

Recommendations by non-Congress Chief Ministers on terms of reference for the ninth Finance Commission

30. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-Congress Chief Ministers at a meeting held in Bangalore on the 11th January, 1988, had recommended to the Government of India new terms of reference for the 9th Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There were press reports about the deleberations in the meeting of non-Congress(I) Chief Ministers held in Bangalore on 11th January, 1988. Subsequently, on 30th January, 1988, the non-Congress(I) Chief Ministers met the Prime Minister and handed over to him a memorandum including an alternative terms of reference for the Ninth Finance Commission. The Memorandum *inter-alia* suggested change in the terms of reference to Finance Commission dealing with normative approach to expenditure, consideration of all revenue expenditure, including plan expenditure, Additional Duties of Excise on Goods of special importance, grants in lieu of tax on railway passenger fares, debt position of States and relief expenditure.

As indicated by the Prime Minister in the meetings, this was referred to the Ninth Finance Commission. The Commission have sent their comments. These are being considered.

Violence by GNLF Activists

31. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past few months the GNLF activists have resorted to violence, arson and killings to press Gorkhaland demand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated loss of life and property so far and also the number of CRPF jawans killed; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Central Government to contain the unlawful and violent activities of the GNLF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production, Export and Import of raw silk

32. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of raw silk in the country during the last three years;

(b) what was the quantum of raw silk export during these years alongwith the names of countries to which it was exported and also the quantum of foreign exchange earnings on this account during the above period; and

(c) what was the quantum of raw silk imported during these years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The production of raw silk during the last 3 years was as under:

Year	Production (in tonnes)
1984-85	7672
1985-86	7897
1986-87	8787 (Provisional)

(b) India does not encourage export of raw silk and there have been no exports of this item during the last three years. However, there have been substantial exports of value added natural silk goods and the quantum of foreign exchange earnings on this account were as under:

Year	Value (In Rs.Crores)
1984-85	129.05
1985-86	159.82
1986-87	201.42

(c) The quantum of raw silk imported during the years 1983-84 to 1985-86 was as under:

Year	Quantun (in tonnes)
1983-84	1852
1984-85	1454
1985-86	2065

The figures for the year 1986-87 are yet to be compiled by DGCI&S, Calcutta.

Seizure of smuggled goods

33. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity alongwith the value of smuggled watches, VCRs, gold, jewellery, heroin and smack seized at different airports and sea ports in the country during the year 1986-87 and so far during the current financial year; and

(b) what is the manner in which these articles have been disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of bank buildings and residential colonies for bank employees

34. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest progress in the construction of bank buildings including residential colonies for bank employees in the various cities of Uttar Pradesh where the projects have been sanctioned; and

(b) what is the total amount of money spent so far in the construction of bank buildings and residential colonies for bank employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pension cases of freedom fighters of U.P.

35. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pension cases of freedom fighters from Uttar Pradesh